

HIS FIRST DAY AT WORK.

The President Returns From Canton and Takes Up His Duties.

A Cabinet Meeting Held—Much Business Despatched During the Day—Constitutionality Censured by Chief Executive Walking Out Unattended.

President Roosevelt's first day at the White House, the "Chief Magistrate" of the nation was in every way notably characteristic of the man. His conduct was not only marked for its democratic simplicity, but for the businesslike and earnest manner in which he took up the work which had devolved upon him by reason of the tragic death of his predecessor. He arrived at the Sixth Street depot on a special train from Canton at 9:25 yesterday morning, and, after a brief halt, entered a hired carriage, and was driven at once to the White House. Upon reaching his private office, he doffed his overcoat and hat, and in the most practical and unassuming manner took up the duties of his office. He made no flourish or false motions.

One who did not know the circumstances would have been led to believe that he had just taken up the reins of government from more than seventy-five millions of people. He made no show or unnecessary display. He waited upon himself except when the assistance of some of the clerks or messengers was absolutely necessary. Soon after he entered his office he was surrounded by officials upon matters pertaining to their departments, and received a few callers who came in to pay their respects. From 11 o'clock until 1:30 the cabinet was in session with him. When it was over, he talked for half an hour with General Wood. Then he attended to some correspondence with his private secretary, Mr. Loebl. At 1:40 he put on his coat and hat, walked down the stairway in the private part of the house, through the corridors and out through the front door.

The officers on duty about the White House were startled by the suddenness of the President's departure. Accompanied by no one he walked swiftly down the driveway leading to the west gate of the White House grounds and out through the driveway to Pennsylvania Avenue. He stepped at a pace which would have compelled the average pedestrian to keep up with him. He cut diagonally across the Avenue, dodging between street cars and vehicles, and entered Lafayette Square directly opposite the Executive Mansion. Then he hurried across the park, ran up the steps of the White House, and entered the door at the corner of B Street, and entered when the door was opened a moment later. He lunched with the Secretary of State. A little more than an hour later he returned to the White House by the same route and alone.

The afternoon was spent largely in attending to correspondence and to some matters of public importance. He remained at his office until 6:30 in the evening when he left in the same manner as in the afternoon. It was nearly dark and he walked out alone, crossing over Pennsylvania Avenue and going up Connecticut Avenue to the residence of his sister, Mrs. Cowles, on N Street, between Seventeenth and Eighteenth Streets. There he had dinner and spent the evening quietly at her home. A few minutes before 10 o'clock he returned to the White House, and he received them. This is in brief the whole story of President Roosevelt's first day in the White House.

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